

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended the specification to properly claim priority.

Claims 26-33, 35-44, 63, and 65 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

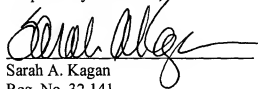
Should the Commissioner find that a fee is due for this preliminary amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee, except the issue fee, to Deposit Account 19-0733.

If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 8, 2003

By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah A. Kagan', is written over a horizontal line.

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